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**STATE REOPENS TWO STATE PARKS TO MOTORCYCLES,
BERKSHIRE TRAILS REMAIN CLOSED TO ORVs**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that trails designated for off-road vehicle (ORV) use in F. Gilbert Hills State Forest in Foxboro and Freetown-Fall River State Forest will be reopened on Saturday 27, 2006 for use by motorcycles.

ORV trails in Beartown State Forest, October Mountain State Forest, Pittsfield State Forest, Tolland State Forest, and Georgetown-Rowley State Forest will remain closed until further notice.

DCR closed all ORV trails on May 19, due to extremely wet trail conditions; riding an ORV on wet trails can cause significant damage. While conditions are improving, most trail areas are still too wet to allow safe motorized use.

All other state forests, parks, and reservations are closed to ORV use at all times. Off-road vehicle use is defined as any motor vehicle designed for recreational use off a public way, legally registered, and weighing less than 1000 lbs. For registration information, visit www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/elereg.htm.

For more information on ORV riding areas in state forests, maps, directions and contact information, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks.htm and <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/orv.htm>.

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